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TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1900 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. Networks of automatic snow water equivalent and related data sensing devices, along with radio telemetry are expanding and will provide a continuous record of snow water and other parameters at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

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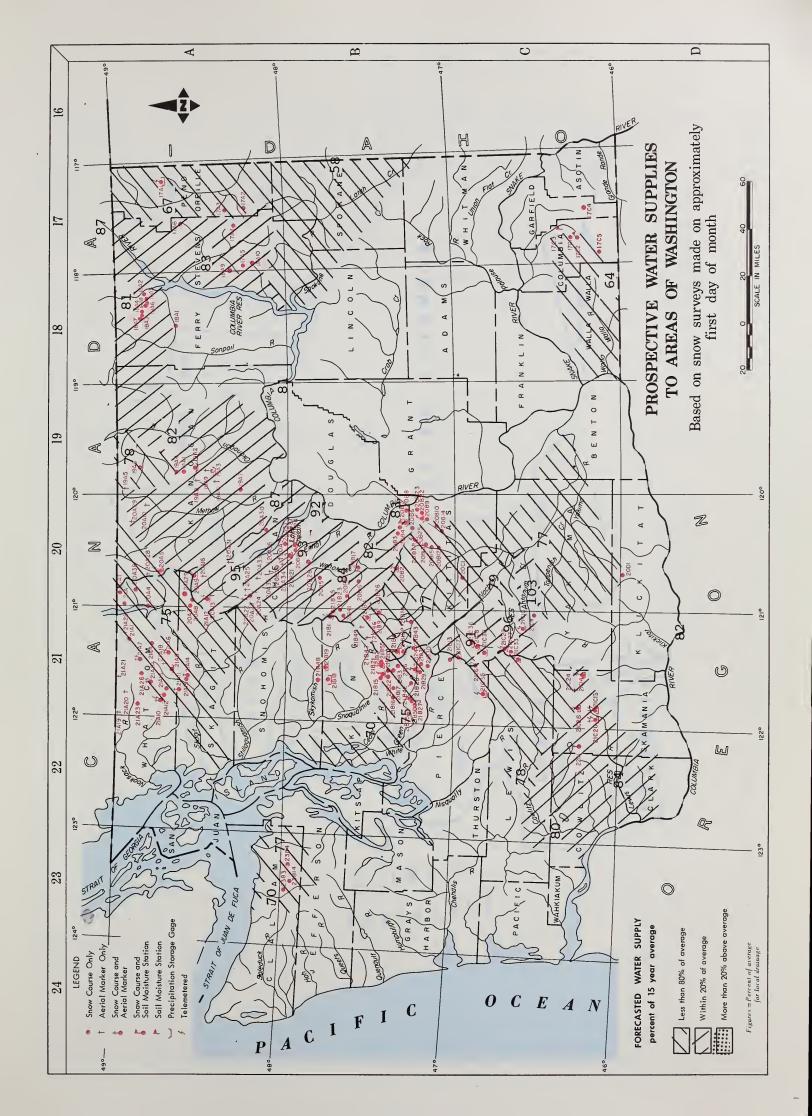
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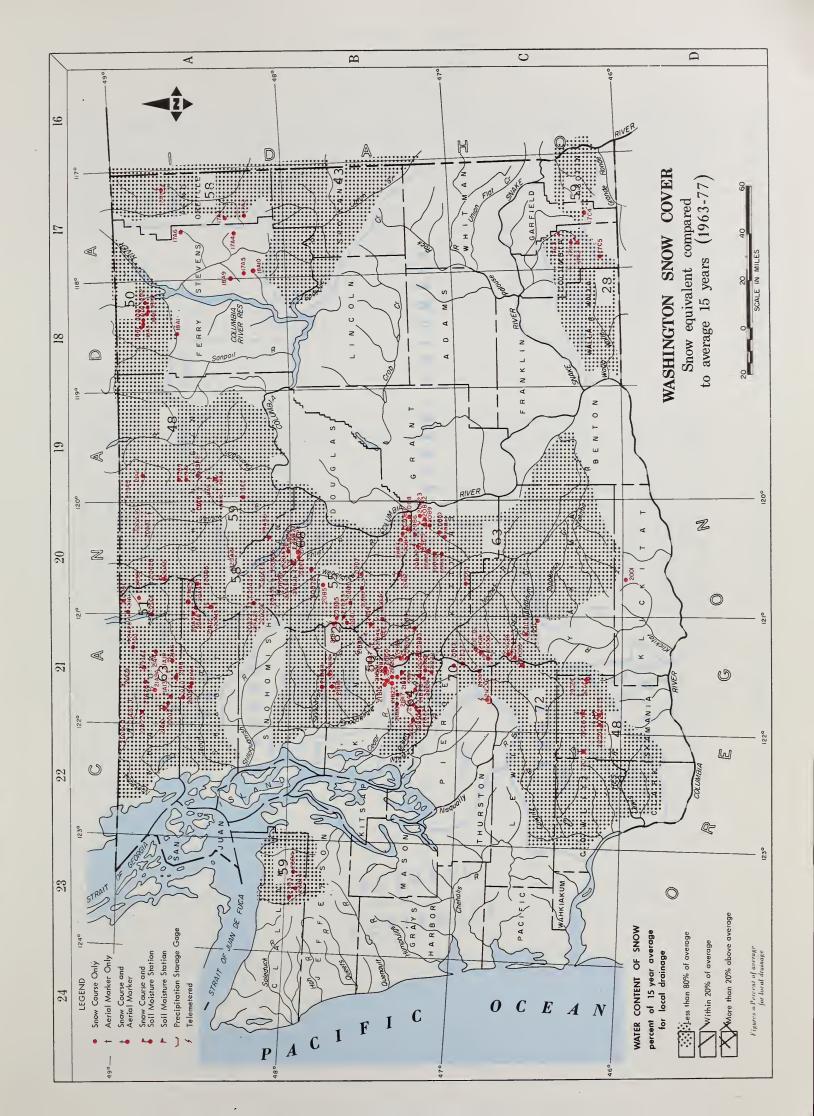
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** There has been a dramatic reduction in the amount of snow in the hills as **

** of May 1. The warm temperatures that have been experienced over the **

** state and most of its tributary areas have really melted the snowpacks. **

** On April 1, we had a good snowpack, but it was quite dense compared to **

** normal; but now, as of May 1, the low elevation snow is gone; the middle **

** elevation snow is minimal; and the high elevation snow is very subnormal. **

** Rainfall was pretty good over the state with above normal precipitation **

** measured in the northeast and along the east side of the Cascades. On **

** the west side, it is near normal in the south, but quite a bit below **

** average in the north. Canadian precipitation in the Columbia above **

** Castlegar area was also below normal. Generally speaking, runoff was **

** well above normal. Only in the low elevation drainages or areas of light **

** snowpack was runoff subnormal.

SNOW COVER

There are considerably fewer snow courses measured as of May 1, but those that are measured usually have a substantial snowpack. This year, the snowpack is so poor that many of the snow courses were reported to have no snow as of May 1. These, of course, are not used in the average comparisons, but the ones that still have measureable amounts of snow were reported to be well below average. The Pend Oreille Drainage, measured by thirteen snow courses, has a snowpack that is only 58 percent of average - down 25 percent from last month. The Kettle Watershed, measured by ten snow courses, now has a snowpack that is 50 percent of average - down 42 percent. The Spokane Drainage, measured by six courses, has a May 1 snowpack that is 43 percent of average - 20 percent down from last month. The Okanogan, measured by twenty-eight snow courses, both in British Columbia and Washington, has a snowpack that is 48 percent of normal. Only one snow course in the Chelan Drainage was measured this month and that indicates the snowpack to be 58 percent of The Yakima, measured by fifteen snow courses, has a snowpack that is 10 percent less than last year; 36 percent more than was measred in 1978 at this time; but still 37 percent below normal. Last month's snowpack in the Yakima Drainage was 3 percent above average. Along the Lower Columbia, the higher elevation snow courses seem to be the better while anything at a lower elevation can be considered gone. One snow course in Mill Creek has a snowpack that is only 28 percent of average, but another one in the Asotin Watershed at a high elevation, has a snowpack that is 59 percent of average. Four snow courses in the Lewis River Drainage were reactivated as of April 10, and again measured on April 30. The May 1 snowpack on this drainage is only 48 percent of average. We feel that the results of Mt. St. Helens' rumblings and spewing of ash is a deciding factor in this low snowpack remainder. The Cowlitz River, measured by only two snow courses, has a snowpack that is 72 percent of average. It is interesting to note that the Plains of Abraham Snow Course on the northeast slope of Mt. St. Helens lost 76 inches of snow depth from April 10 to April 30; and 32 inches of water during the same period. The normal situation at this location is a gain of 6.3 inches of water. In the Puget Sound Drainage, only the crest stations were reported to have any snow and these range from 50 percent of average to a high of 70 percent. On the Olympic Peninsula, snowpack on the Dungeness River is 41 percent below average; but on the Elwha, 64 percent below normal - these, each measured by one snow course only.

RESERVOIRS

We have had a marked improvement in the reservoir situation from that The high flows of April were caught by the reported last month. reservoirs and resulted in this marked improvement. The five irrigation reservoirs in the Yakima Basin, including Lake Cle Elum which is still not operational, have 76 percent of capacity amounts of water in storage as of May 1. This is 8 percent greater than average for reservoirs. The two small irrigation reservoirs in the Okanogan Irriation District have 50-90 percent of capacity water in storage. Conconully Reservoir has 16 percent below the average amount of water in storage and Conconully Lake, formerly called Salmon Lake, has 12 percent above average water in storage as of May 1. The one power reservoir that has really improved dramatically is Lake Roosevelt. This reservoir now has 183 percent greater than average water in storage as of May 1, although it is still only 47 percent full.

PRECIPITATION

As stated above, reasonable amounts of rainfall fell over the watersheds that affect our Washington water supply. The Columbia above Castlegar had 87 percent of normal precipitation; the Pend Oreille-Spokane Drainage Divison, 9 percent above normal; but northeastern Washington, the best, has 75 percent better than average rainfall. In southeastern Washington, precipitation was only 58 percent of normal; but along the eastern slopes of the Cascades, precipitation was 22 percent above normal in the north and 11 percent in the central and southern areas. On the northwest slopes, rainfall was 27 percent less than average; but on the southwest slopes, only 4 percent subnormal.

STREAMFLOW

As a result of the normal or above precipitation and the well above normal temperatures experienced during the month, runoff was very good over most of the state. In those areas where there was little snow to melt off or the snow had already melted off, runoff was subnormal. The Pend Oreille had flows 3 percent less than normal; the Spokane, 16 percent subnormal; the Palouse River, as measured at Hooper, was 53 percent below average; and the Walla Walla River, 14 percent below. Other streams ranged up to 79 percent above average - this occurring on the Columbia River as measured at Birchbank. Forecasts have been markedly reduced from those issued last month, in part due to the high flows of April; and in part, the lack of snowpacks in the higher Reductions as great as 12 to 15 percent can be expected over most of the state. This, we feel, could cause some water shortages late in the irrigation water use season. The deciding factor in this will be the summer and early fall precipitation. If this occurs in normal or better manner, the water shortages should be minimal; but if we get another dry summer with very little rainfall in late summer, then the shortages will be more pronounced. Numerical forecasts can be found on the following pages.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS - MAY 1980

The following summarized runoff forecasts are based principally on mountain snowcover and on the assumption that precipitation and temperature will be near average from the present time to the end of the forecast period. Appreciable deviations from normal of temperature and/or precipitation will correspondingly modify these forecasts. These forecasts are made as a product of the cooperative efforts of the Soil Conservation Service and the National Weather Service. Streamflow figures for 1979 are preliminary and subject to revision.

		Season	al Streamf	low in	Thousand	ds of Ac	re-Feet
Basin, Stream	Forecast	8	Fore-				15-Yr
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Station	1980	Avg.	period	1979	1978	1977	63-77
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COLUMBIA RIVER SYSTEM							
Columbia River	37000	87	May-Sept	32506	40601	29012	42769
at Birchbank 1/	29250	87	May-July	25203	30622	21262	33621
	20400	87	May-June	17683	20674	15476	23461
Columbia River	50000	81	May-Sept	47880	58882	36594	61503
at Grand Coulee 1/	40900	81	May-July	39207	46573	27557	50526
,	30590	81	May-June	30248	33599	21162	37764
Columbia River	55600	83	May-Sept	50210	64144	38555	67050
bl. Rock Island Dam 1/	46130	83	May-July	41612	51416	29394	55578
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Columbia River	72500	82	May-Sept	66834	85792	46862	90981
at The Dalles, OR 1/	60800	80	May-July	55749	69552	35710	76007
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PEND OREILLE RIVER SYSTEM						. 0	
Pend Oreille River	9080	67	May-Sept	10206			13595
bl. Box Canyon	8230	67	May-July	9662			12286
	6850	67	May-June	8783			10230
KETTLE RIVER SYSTEM			•				
Kettle River	1310	81	May-Sept	1140	1682	973	1616
nr. Laurier	1260	83	May-July	1086	1504	933	1524
	1120	82	May-June	1012	1313	865	1358
Colville River	70	83	May-Sept		84	17	84
at Kettle Falls	60	82	May-July		71	13	73
	55	85	May-June		63	12	65

^{1/} Observed flow corrected for storage in any of the following reservoirs which are above the station: Kootenay Lake, Hungry Horse, Flathead Lake, Pend Oreille Lake, F. D. Roosevelt Lake, Lake Chelan, Coeur d'Alene Lake, Brownlee, Noxon Reservoir and pumpage at F. D. Roosevelt Lake.

		Season	al Streamf	low in	Thousand	s of Ac	re-Feet
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Station	1980	Avg.	period	1979	1978	1977	63-77
SPOKANE RIVER SYSTEM							
Spokane River	1200	58	May-Sept	1924			2102
at Post Falls, ID 2/	1080	55	May-July	1872			1966
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Similkameen River	1120	78	May-Sept	811	1377	558	1440
nr. Nighthawk	1040	78	May-July	751	1236	517	1339
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Okanogan River	1300	82	May-Sept	844	1513	617	1595
nr. Tonasket	1180	82	May-July	763	1323	553	1441
mr. remained	990	84	May-June	671	1109	492	1180
METHOW RIVER SYSTEM							
Methow River	820	87	May-Sept		1045	255	938
nr. Pateros	760	88	May-July		930	221	864
nr. rateros	630	88	May-June		748	192	718
CHELAN DIVED CVCMEM							
Chalan River SYSTEM	1050	92	Mari Cant	C75	1170	E10	1120
Chelan River	900	92	May-Sept	675	1179	510	1139
at Chelan <u>3</u> /	680	92	May-July May-June	584 475	1008 750	392 314	982 736
			-				
Stehekin River	785	95	May-Sept	511	795	422	823
at Stehekin	650	95	May-July	422	656	310	683
	480	97	May-June	332	469	239	497
Entiat	210	93	May-Sept	124	264	80	227
nr. Ardenvoir	190	93	May-July	110	237	65	204
	150	94	May-June	94	185	54	159
WENATCHEE RIVER SYSTEM							
Wenatchee River	980	84	May-Sept		1115	506	1172
at Plain	880	85	May-July		975	414	1032
	670	86	May-June		749	352	778
Wenatchee River	1300	82	May-Sept	1058	1490	673	1595
at Peshastin	1160	82	May-July	963	1311	564	1414
	890	83	May-June	823	1010	487	1077
Stemilt Basin	120	87	May-Sept				138*
nr. Wenatchee							
Icicle Creek	310	83	May-Sept				371
nr. Leavenworth	285	83	May-July				342
	230	83	May-June				279

^{2/} Observed flow corrected for storage in Coeur d'Alene Lake and diversions by Spokane Valley Farms Company and Rathdrum Prairie Canals.

^{3/} Observed flow corrected for storage in Lake Chelan.

		Season	al Streamf	low in '	Thousand	s of Ac	re-Feet
Basin, Stream	Forecast	8	Fore				15-Yr.
and	Runoff	15-Yr.	cast				Average
Station	1980	Avg.	period	1979	1978	1977	63-77
YAKIMA RIVER SYSTEM	88	72	v a	0.0		5.0	
Yakima River		72	May-Sept	99	88	50	122
nr. Martin $4/$	78 65	75	May-July	89	75	39	110
	65	75	May=June	77,	67	39	91
Yakima River	630	77	May-Sept	574	644	352	827
at Cle Elum 5/	550	75	May-July	543	532	276	735
_	450	75	May-June	459	451	238	603
Yakima River	1400	77	May-Sept	1115	1504	FOC	1015
	1280	80	May-Sept May-July	1014	1218	596 451	1815 1601
nr. Parker <u>6</u> /	1070	80	May-Jury May-June	906	1014	405	1340
	1070	00	May-5 une	900	1014	405	1340
Kachess River	80	76	May-Sept	76	73	40	105
nr. Easton 7/	75	76	May-July	70	67	33	98
_	65	79	May-June	63	60	32	82
Cle Elum River	350	83	May-Sept	295	346	186	423
nr. Roslyn 8/	320	84	May-July	273	301	150	379
m: Rosijii <u>o</u> /	250	83	May-June	239	247	128	302
			ina cano	233	21,	120	302
Bumping River	120	91	May-Sept	90	100	49	132
nr. Nile 9/	110	92	May-July	83	89	41	119
_	80	86	May-June	73	74	37	93
American River	105	92	May-Sept		93	39	114
nr. Nile	95	92	May-July		81	33	103
III. NIIC	75	92	May-June		65	29	82
•			nay yane		03	23	02
Tieton River	215	96	May-Sept	159	191	109	223
at Tieton Dam <u>10</u> /	170	93	May-July	128	152	73	183
	130	94	May-June	100	112	57	139
Naches River	610	79	May-Sept	492	560	262	772
nr. Naches 11/	550	80	May-July	446	495	202	684
	450	81	May-June	395		182	558
Ahtanum Creek	40	103	May-Sept		37	6	39
nr. Tampico 12/	35	100	May-July		32	5	35
111. 141119100 12/	30	103	May-June		26	4	29
			ray build		20	7	25

^{4/} Observed flow corrected for storage in Lake Keechelus.

^{5/} Observed flow corrected for storage in Keechelus, Kachess, and Cle Elum Lakes and diversion by Kittitas Canal.

^{6/} Observed flow corrected for storage in Keechelus, Kachess, Cle Elum, Bumping, and Rimrock Lakes and diversions by Roza, Union Gap, New Reservation, Old Reservation, and Sunnyside Canals.

Observed flow corrected for storage in Lake Kachess.

^{8/} Observed flow corrected for storage in Lake Cle Elum.

^{9/} Observed flow corrected for storage in Bumping Lake.

^{10/} Observed flow corrected for storage in Rimrock Lake.

Observed flow corrected for storage in Bumping and Rimrock Lakes and diversions by Tieton, Selah Valley, Wapatox Canals, and City of Yakima.

^{12/} Observed flow of North and South Forks (Combined).

		Season	al Streamf	low in '	Thousand	ls of Ac	re-Feet
Basin, Stream	Forecast	ક્ર	Fore				15-Yr.
and	Runoff	15-Yr.					Average
Station	1980	Avg.	period	1979	1978	1977	63-77
LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER SYSTEM							
Mill Creek	4.9	64	May-Sept		4.56	0.76	7.7
at Walla Walla	4.7	63	May-July		4.44	0.58	7.5
·	4.6	63	May-June		4.36	0.54	7.3
Lewis River	810	84	May-Sept	683	7 98	749	960
at Ariel 13/	660	84	May-July	548	504	551	790
-	540	83	May-June	463	408	482	654
Cowlitz River	1340	78	May-Sept		1292	1165	1717
bl. Mayfield Dam	1125	78	May-July		1005	888	1445
-	900	79	May-June		808	7 63	1144
Cowlitz River	1730	80	May-Sept	1474	1705	1598	2170
at Castle Rock 14/	1360	75	May-July	1235	1308	1207	1804
· —	1085	76	May-June	1026	1054	1042	1432
	OLYMPI	C PENINS	ULA				
DUNGENESS RIVER SYSTEM							
Dungeness River	110	77	May-Sept		136	82	143
nr. Sequim	90	80	May-July		99	59	113
	65	82	May-June		67	45	79
	PUG	ET SOUND	- -				
SKAGIT RIVER SYSTEM							
Skagit River	1500	75 	May-Aug	1352	1673	475	2017
at Newhalem 15/	1625	75 7 6	May-Sept	1477	1885	560	2161
	1350	76 77	May-July	1188	1460	368	1776
	990	<i>F1</i>	May-June	932	1055	261	1290
ELWHA RIVER SYSTEM							
Elwha River	335	70	May-Sept		395	298	480
nr. Port Angeles	265	70	May-July		288	223	381
GREEN RIVER SYSTEM							
Green River	175	75	May-Sept	148	144	140	233
bl. Howard Hanson Dam 16/							
CEDAR RIVER SYSTEM							
Cedar River	65	70	Apr-Sept		59	55	93
nr. Cedar Falls							

^{13/} Observed flow corrected for storage in Lake Merwin, Yale and Swift Reservoirs.

^{14/} Observed flow corrected for storage in Mayfield Reservoir.

Observed flow corrected for storage in Diablo, Ross, and Gorge Reservoirs.

^{15/} 16/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Howard Hanson Dam.

COMPARISON OF SNOW COVER WITH THAT OF PREVIOUS YEARS

The following tabulation of Washington stream basins presents the water content of the snow about May 1, 1980, as percent of the same date in 1979 and 1978 and

avei	cage	of	record.	

	No. of	1980	Snow Water Ex	_		
Tributary Basin	Courses		as percent of			
	Average	1979	1978	1963-77 Avg		
	UPPER	COLUMBIA BASIN				
Pend Oreille	13	68	73	58		
Kettle	10	71	45	50		
Spokane	6	51	65	43		
Okanogan	28	77	44	48		
Methow	4	172	49	59		
Chelan	1	94	59	58		
Entiat .	9	112	58	68		
Wenatchee	6	68	91	55		
Yakima	15	90	136	63		
	LOWER	COLUMBIA BASIN				
Asotin	1	55	91	59		
Mill Creek	1	19	51	28		
Lewis	4	-	72	48		
Cowlitz	2	96	111	72		
	PUG	ET SOUND				
White	3	88	90	70		
Green	2	72	108	64		
Snoqualmie	1	60	127	50		
Skykomish	2	80	84	62		
Skagit	10	76	79	51		
Baker	7	97	89	63		
Nooksack	1	88	115	58		
	OLYMP	IC PENINSULA				
Morse Creek	1	79	91	62		
Elwha	1	63	77	36		
Dungeness	1	65	117	59		

RESERVOIR STORAGE - 1000 Acre Feet

BASIN OR		USABLE 1/		Measured May 1			
STREAM	RESERVOIR	CAPACITY	1980	1979	1978	Normal*	
		COLUMBIA	<u>.</u>				
Spokane	Coeur d'Alene Lake	225.1	264.5	260.5	202.4	238.4	
Columbia	Franklin D. Roosevelt Lake	5232.0	2460.0	909.9	860.4	867.8	
Columbia	Banks Lake	714.9	527.9	393.4	505.0	442.8	
Okanogan	Conconully Reservoir	13.0	6.5	10.3	5.7	7.7	
Okanogan	Conconully (Salmon) La	ake 10.5	9.0	10.5	7.4	8.0	
Chelan	Lake Chelan	676.1	214.4	163.4	242.2	219.0	
		YAKIMA					
Yakima	Keechelus Lake	157.8	131.5	117.0	150.4	113.8	
Kachess	Kachess Lake	239.0	126.7	228.0	237.2	194.2	
Cle Elum	Lake Cle Elum	436.9	378.0	180.9	373.5	295.9	
Bumping	Bumping Lake	33.7	34.4	13.3	32.4	11.6	
Tieton	Rimrock Lake	198.0	144.0	146.4	170.6	136.6	
		PUGET SOUN	<u>D</u>				
Skagit	Ross Reservoir	1404.1	644.0	731.6	793.0	711.5	
Skagit	Diablo Reservoir	90.6	84.1	86.8	83.3	86.4	
Skagit	Gorge Reservoir	9.8	7.5	8.0	7.8	8.1	

^{1/} Based on Active Storage

^{* 15-}yr. Average 1963-1977

SOIL MOISTURE - May, 1980

Drainage Basin			Profile	Inches	Soil M	loisture	Content
and				Total	Inches	as of N	May 1
Station	Number	Elev.	Depth	Capacity	1980	1979	1978
OKANOGAN				·			
Salmon Meadows	19A2M	4500	48	5.4	-	-	-
Trout Creek	3-M	3600	48	7.3	Late	4.4	5.4
				_			
YAKIMA							
Domery Flat	21B20m	2200	48	6.9	_	_	_
Lake Cle Elum	21B14M	2200	48	12.8	_	_	_
Edite Ole Plan		2200	10	12.0			
WALLA WALLA							
Couse	17C3m	3650	48	11.1	-	10.1	9.1
	17C2M	4400	48	12.0	_	-	9.4
Helmers	1/C2M	4400	40	12.0		_	9.4
WENATCHEE	00===	4.400	40		10.5		10.6
Upper Wheeler	20B7M	4400	48	12.7	13.5	11.4	12.6

FALL SOIL MOISTURE

Drainage Basin			Profile	Inches	Soil	Moisture	Content
and				Total	(Incl	nes) as c	f Oct. 1
Station	Number	Elev.	Depth	Capacity	1979	1978	1977_
OKANOGAN		•					
Salmon Meadows	19A02M	4500	48	5.4	-	_	-
Trout Creek	3-M	3600	48	7.3	3.1	3.7	3.2
YAKIMA							
Domery Flat	21B20m	2200	48	6.9	-		-
Lake Cle Elum	21B14M	2200	48	12.8	-	-	-
WALLA WALLA							
Couse	17C3m	3650	48	11.1	6.7	5.9	-
Helmers	17C2M	4400	48	12.0	8.1	8.2	-
WENATCHEE							
Upper Wheeler	20B7M	4400	48	12.7	5.1·	10.3	6.6

	FA	LL	WIN	TER	SPRING		
Drainage	Sept-Oct	1979 <u>2</u> /	Nov1979-	-Mar1980	April	1980	
Divisions	Observed	Departure	Observed	Departure	Observed	Departure	
Columbia in Canada	4.44	-0.58	13.78	-1.73	1.48	-0.23	
Pend Oreille - Spokane	3.23	-0.81	13.28	-4.27	1.99	+0.17	
Northeastern Washington	2.53	+0.05	9.70	+0.30	2.20	+0.94	
Southeastern Washington	2.53	+0.02	10.79	+0.36	0.88	-0.65	
Central Washington	1.55	+0.58	6.84	+1.56	0.72	+0.07	
North Central Washington	2.22	+0.63	6.05	-0.49	1.04	+0.19	
Northwest Slope Cascades	10.68	-2.53	51.07	-4.32	4.87	-1.77	
Southwest Slope Cascades	9.66	+0.98	35.13	-6.51	4.42	-0.20	
Northeastern Washington		Lower Spokan Kettle Drain		, Sanpoil an	d Lower		
Southeastern Washington	-	Touchet, Tuc	annon and P	alouse Drain	ages.		
Central Washington	-	Yakima, Wena	tchee and C	helan Draina	ges.		
North Central Washington	-	Methow and C	kanogan Dra	inages.			
Northwest Slope Cascades	-	Puget Sound	Drainages.				
Southwest Slope Cascades	-	Lower Columb	oia Drainage	s.			

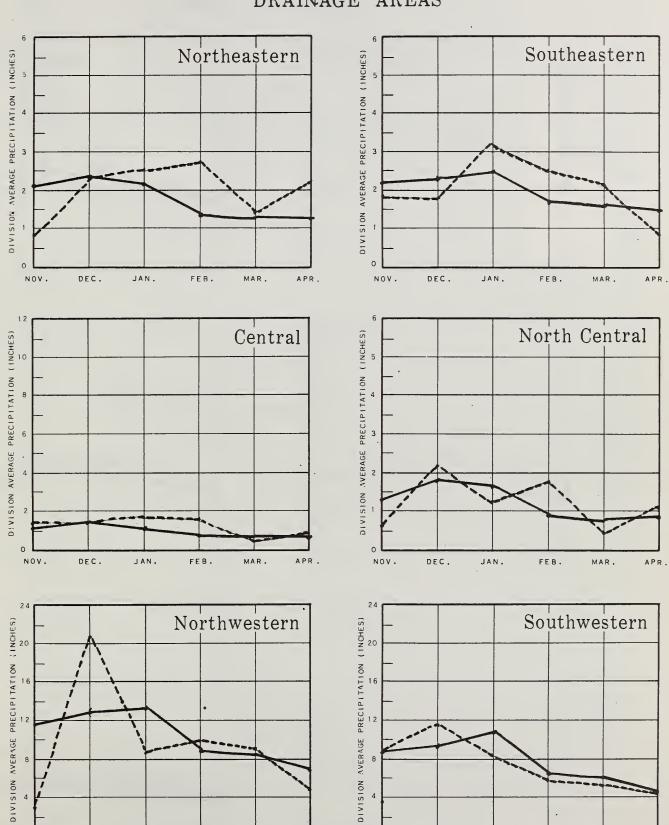
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WASHINGTON VALLEY PRECIPITATION

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DRAINAGE AREAS



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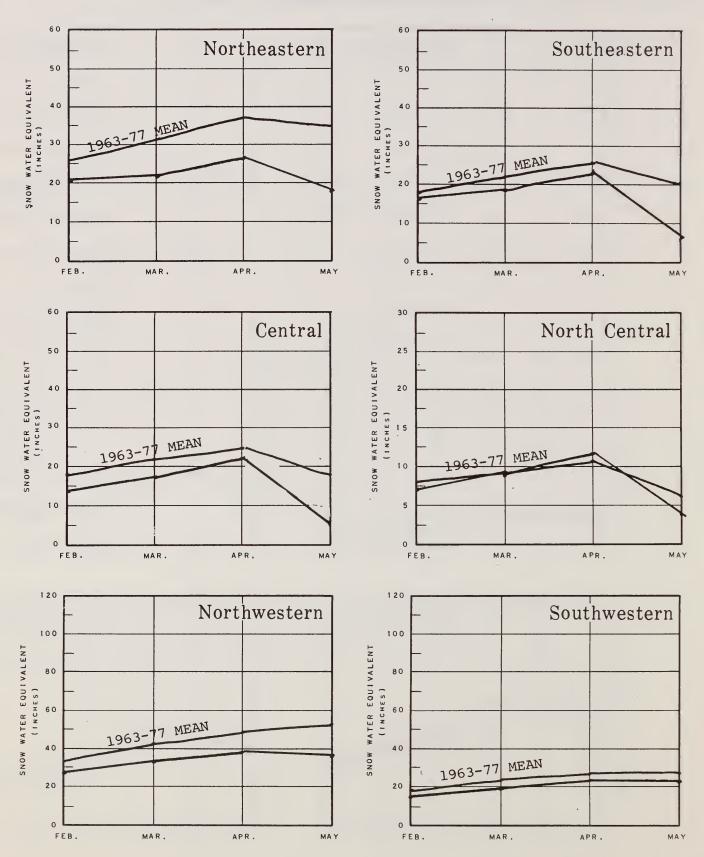
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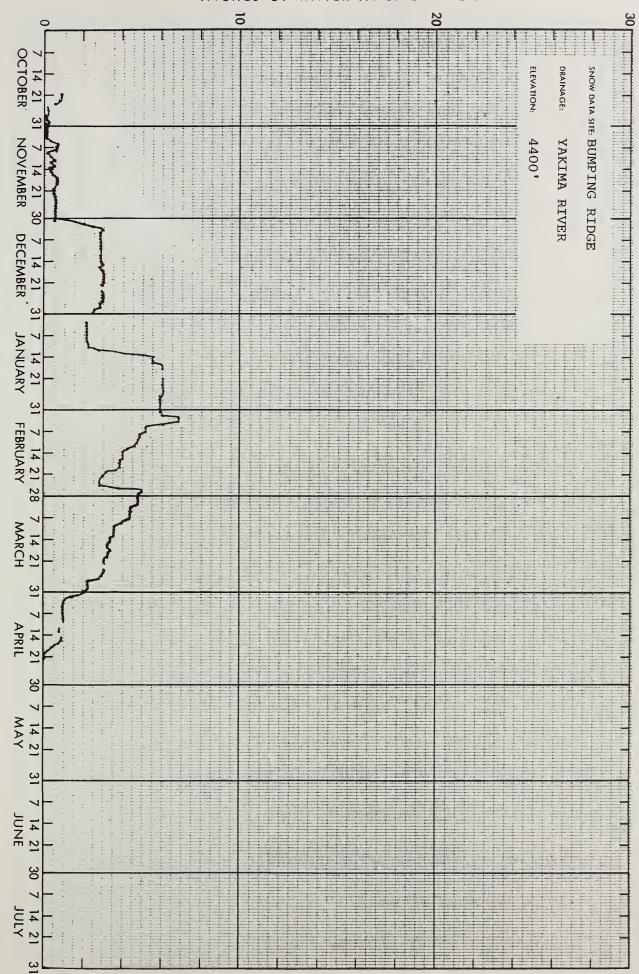
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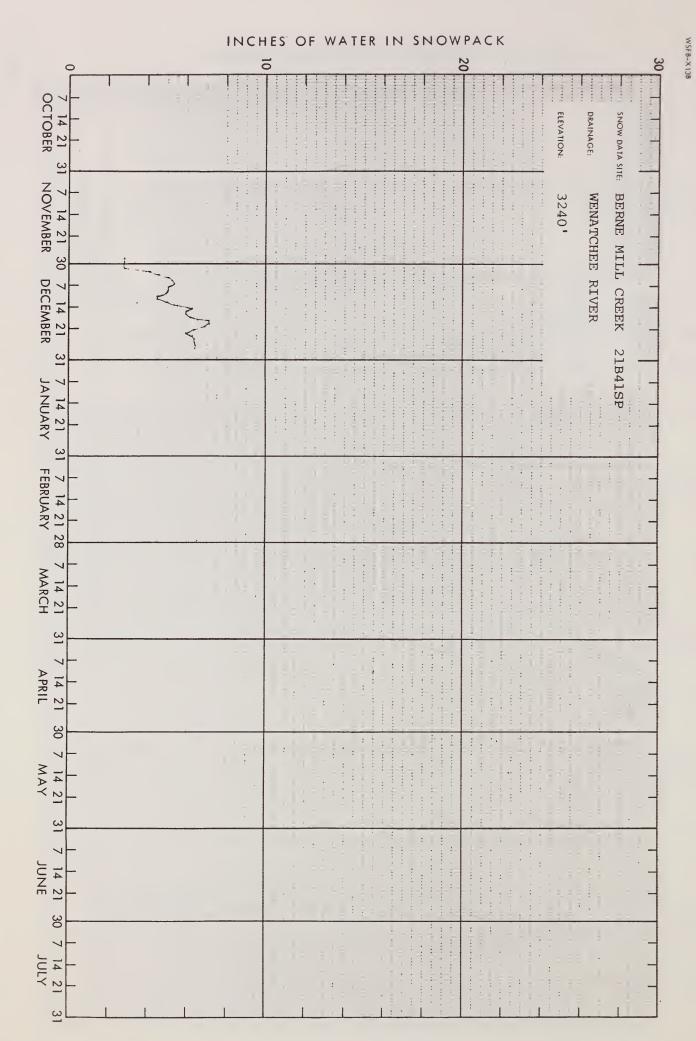
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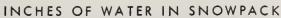
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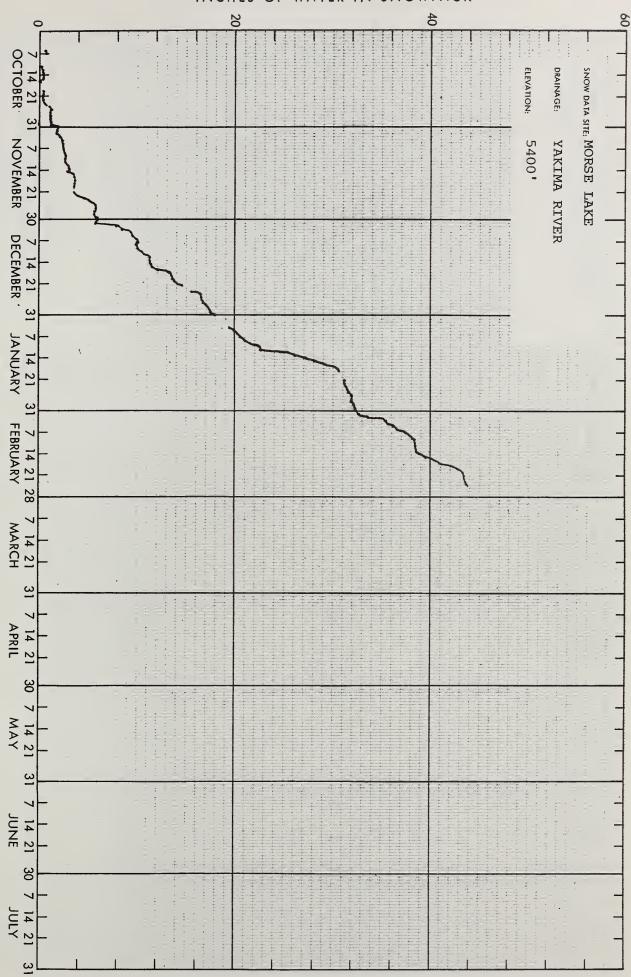


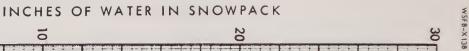
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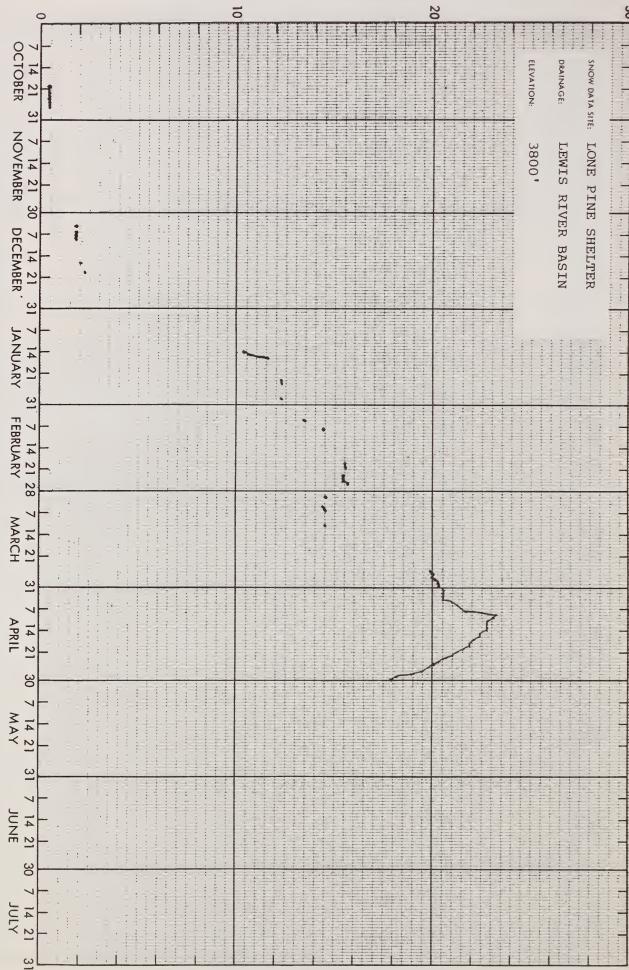




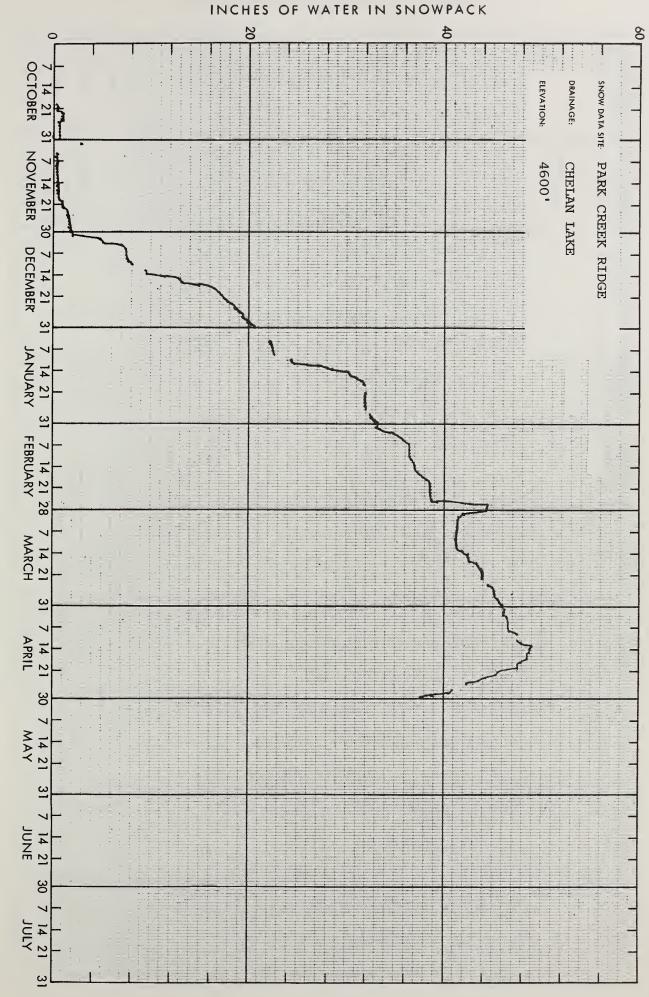


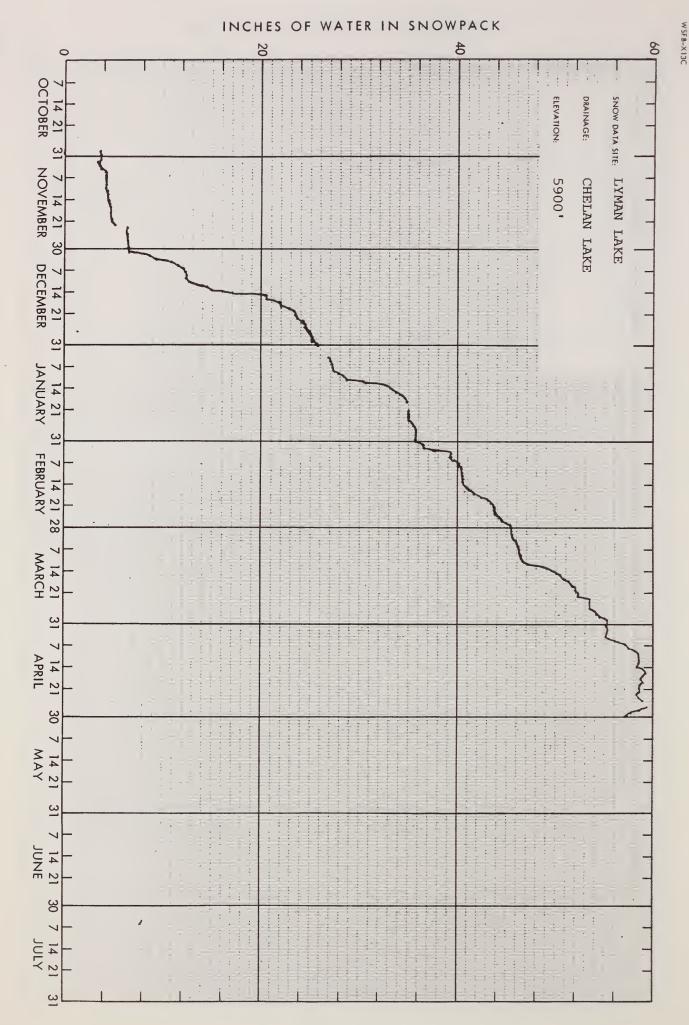






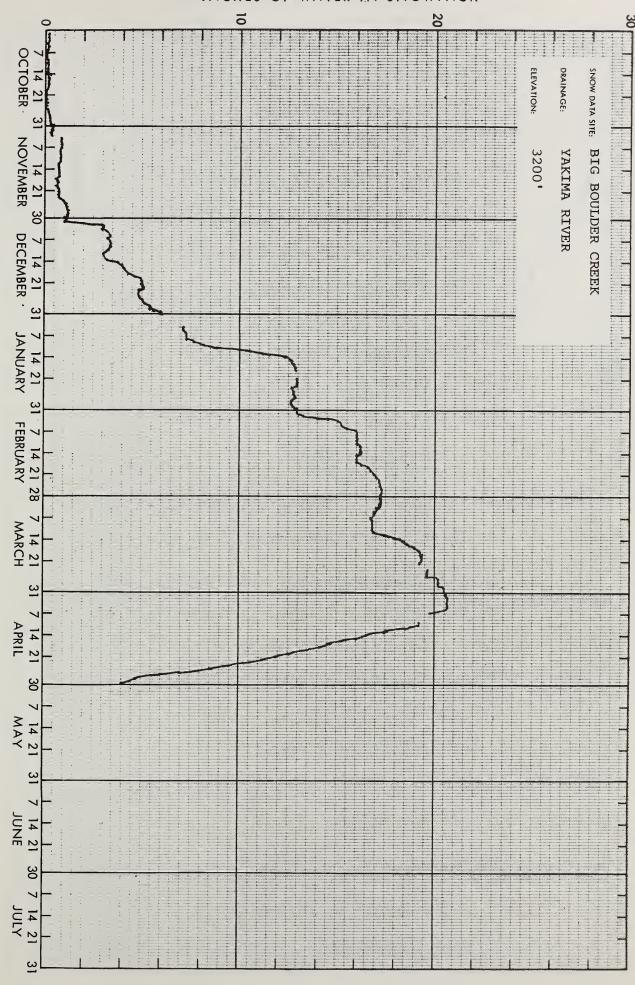


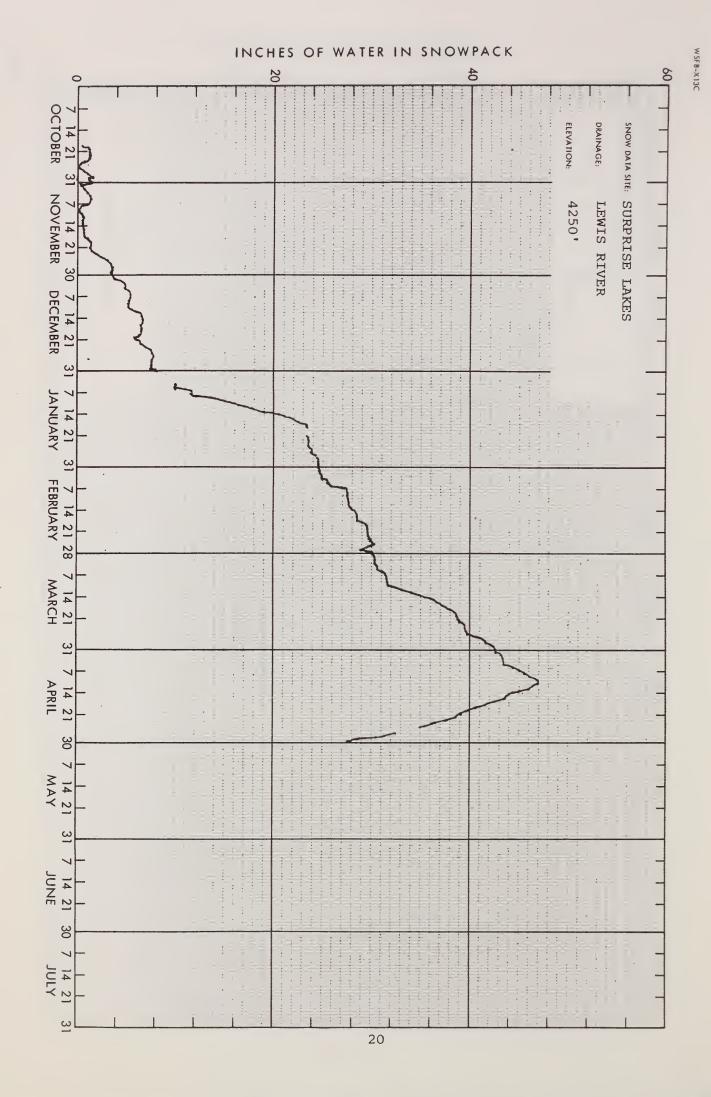


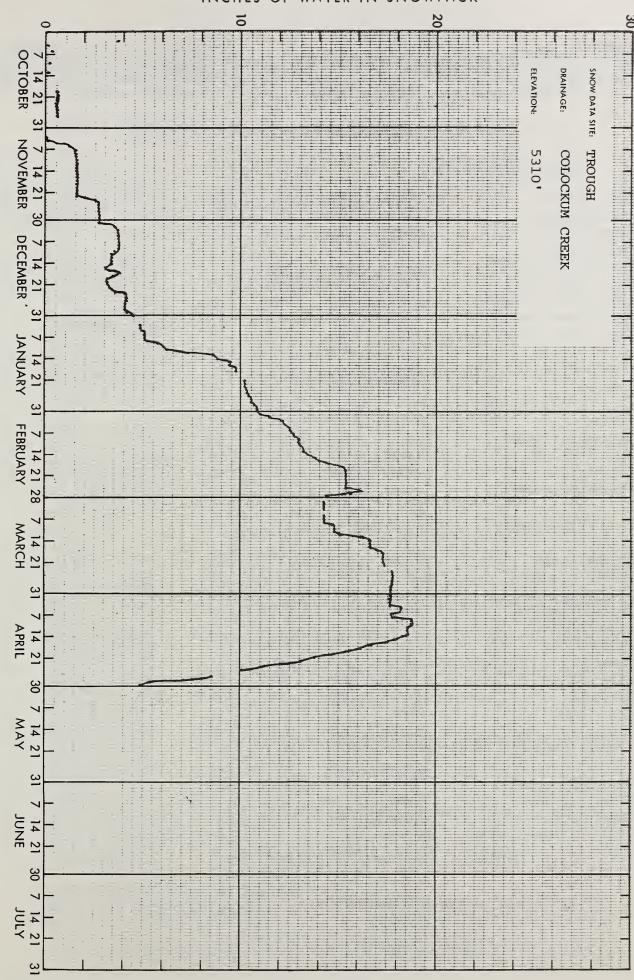


INCHES OF WATER IN SNOWPACK

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SN	WO				THIS YEAR		PAST R	ECORD
	DRAINAGE BASIN and/o	or SNOW COURSE		Date	Snow Depth	Water Content	Water Conte	ent (inches)
-	NAME	Number	Elevation	of Survey	(Inches)	(Inches)	Last Year	Average #

UPPER COLUMBIA DRAINAGE

PEND	OREI.	LLE	RIV	ER

THIS OTHER TANK							
Baree Creek	15B11	5500	5/1	55	27.3	42.0	49.5
Baree Midway	15B16	4600	5/1	43	18.7	32.0	35.1
Baree Trail	15B15	3800	5/1	0	0.0	0.0	1.8
Benton Meadow	16A02	2344	4/29	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Benton Spring	16A03	4900	4/29	9	4.0	16.7	16.7
Boyer Mountain	17A02	5250	4/28	38	17.2	21.4	25.2
Brush Creek Timber	14A13	5000	4/28	0	0.0	10.4	8.1
Bunchgrass Meadow	17A01	5000	5/1	38	18.5	22.7	30.0
Heart Lake Trail	14010	4800	4/27	28	11.4	21.3	19.1
Hoodoo Basin	15C10	6000	4/27	89	44.0	49.6	55.6
Hoodoo Creek	15C01	5900	4/27	81	39.8	49.3	52.0
Lookout	15B02	5250	4/14	76	29.2	35.3	38.6
			4/30	40	17.4	28.2	35.4
Nelson	19-Can	3050	4/30	4	2.0	8.1	7.2*
Schweitzer Bowl	16A06	4500	5/1	23	10.7	21.3	26.8
Schweitzer Ridge	16A05	6100	5/1	80 ,	42.8	37.1	47.5
Smith Creek	16A01	4800	4/29	71	32.5	31.4	47.4
Winchester Creek	17A03	2970	4/28	0	0.0	1.0	1.9
KETTLE RIVER							
Barnes Creek	90-Can	5300	4/29	23	8.3	18.5	21.1*
Big White Mtn.	154-Can	5500	4/30	30	12.0	17.2	21.3*
Bluejoint Mtn.	244-Can	7500	4/29	48	20.7	22.6	30.3*
Boulder Road	18A02	1450	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Butte Creek	18A03	4070	4/28	10	3.0	4.0	6.0
Cabin Creek	18A08	3170	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	1.8
Carmi	126-Can	4100	4/30	0	0.0	0.0	1.9*
Farron # 1	17-Can	4000	4/29	13	5.7	5.2	8.4*
Farron # 2	243-Can	4000	4/29	16	6.1	6.9	9.3*
Goat Creek	18A04	3595	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Graystoke Lake	5-Can	5950	4/29	22	7.8	15.6	21.8*
Monashee Pass	48A-Can	4500	4/29	8.7	2.2	11.7	13.2*
Old Glory Mountain	42-Can	7000	4/26	64	26.8	20.4	29.5*
Snow Caps Creek	18A05	2150	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Snow Caps Trail	18A06	2720	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Summit G.S.	18A07	4600	4/28	1.5	0.6	2.1	6.3
Trapping Creek Lower	166-Can	3050			Measured	-	0.0*
Trapping Creek Upper	165-Can	4450	4/30	0	0.0	4.6	6.2*

[#] Average based on 1963-77 average

^{*} Average for years of record

SNOW				THIS YEAR		PAST RECORD		
DRAINAGE BASIN and/or	SNOW COURSE		Date	Snow Depth	Water Content	Water Cont	ent (inches)	
NAME	Number	Elevation	of Survey	(Inches)	(Inches)	Last Year	Average #	
SPOKANE RIVER								
Above Burke	15B08	6100	4/30	15	6.3	18.5	19.7	
Copper Ridge	16B02	4800		Not Mea	sured	23.5	25.7	
Forty-nine Meadows	15B03	4840	5/1	19	7.2	22.6	26.9	
Granite Peak	15B13A	6000	5/1	72	28.5	38.1	47.6	
Lookout	15B02	5250	4/14	76	29.2	35.3	38.6	
			4/30	40	17.4	28.2	35.4	
Lost Lake	15B14A	6000	5/1	85	34.7	47.4	62.5	
Lower Sands Creek	16B01	3400	4/28	18	6.4	18.3	18.3	
Sherwin	16C01	3200	4/25	0	0.0	7.0	7.2	
OKANOGAN RIVER								
Aberdeen Lake	6A-Can	4300	5/1	0	0.0	0.4	1.7*	
Blackwall Mountain	100-Can	6250	4/29	59	25.0	22.8	37.2*	
Bouleau Lake	234-Can	4580	4/27	20	6.5	10.7	12.2*	
Brenda Mine	193-Can	4800	4/28	10	3.1	8.5	10.4*	
Brookmere	27-Can	3200	4/29	8	2.7	2.8	5.7*	
Enderby	130-Can	6250	4/29	65	31.9	30.0	42.7*	
Esperon Creek Lower	164-Can	4400	4/27	- 8	2.4	5.3	9.9*	
Esperon Creek Middle	163-Can	4700	4/27	12	4.3	9.1	13.2*	
Esperon Creek Upper	162-Can	5400	4/27	22	8.8	12.7	19.4*	
Graystoke Lake	5-Can	5950	4/29	22	7.8	15.6	21.8*	
Hamilton Hill	107-Can	4900	4/28	24	9.1	10.1	13.1*	
Harts Pass	20A05A	6500	4/29	84	36.2	33.1	51.5	
Isintok Lake	152-Can	5510	4/27	8	2.4	3.7	7.3*	
Lost Horse Mountain	105-Can	6300	5/1	15	5.0	8.1	10.7*	
Loup Loup	19A07	4650	4/29	1.7	0.6	0.0	6.1	
McCulloch	4-Can	4200	4/28	0	0.0	0.7	2.8*	
Missezula Mountain	106-Can	5100	4/27	16	5.9	6.1	5.9*	
Mission Creek	5A-Can	6000	4/29	31	11.9	17.2	21.9*	
Monashee Pass	48A-Can	4500	4/29	8.7	2.2	11.7	13.2*	
Mount Kobau	156-Can	5950	4/30	23	8.2	5.0	13.5*	
Mutton Creek No. 1	19A01	5700	4/25	19	6.1	0.4	11.3	
Mutton Creek No. 2 SP	19AllSP	6000	4/25		6.6	2.8	13.9	
New Copper Mountain	46A-Can	4300	4/29	0	0.0	0.0	1.2*	
New Penticton Res. #2	183-Can	5225	5/1	6	1.9	4.8	8.7*	
Nickel Plate Mtn.	47-Can	6200	4/30	12	4.2	6.5	8.1*	
Oyama Lake	203-Can	4400	4/30	0	0.0	2.0	3.6*	
Postill Lake	55-Can	4500	4/28	1.6	0.5	4.5	6.8*	
Quartette Lake	34-Can	4000	4/29	19	7.9	9.0	10.8*	
Rusty Creek	19A03	4000	4/25	0	0.0	0.0	0.8	
Salmon Meadows	19A02	4500	4/25	12	4.0	0.0	6.2	

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OKANOCAN DIVED /C	ont)						
OKANOGAN RIVER (Co	ont.)						
Silver Star Mountain	99 - Can	6050	4/27	47	20.2	21.0	28.2*
Summerland Reservoir	3A-Can	4200	4/27	8.7	2.8	6.8	6.9*
Trout Creek	3-Can	4700	4/30	0	0.0	3.8	5.3*
Vaseux Creek	233-Can	4600	4/27	0	0.0	0.3	2.6*
White Rocks Mountain	70-Can	6000	4/30	24	9.6	19.4	26.7*
METHOW RIVER							
Harts Pass	20A05A	6500	4/29	84	36.2	33.1	51.5
Mutton Creek No. 1	19A01	5700	4/25	19	6.1	0.4	11.3
Mutton Creek No. 2 SP	19A11	6000	4/25		6.6	2.8	13.9
Rusty Creek	19A03	4000	4/25	0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Salmon Meadows	19A02	4500	4/25	12	4.0	0.0	6.2
CHELAN LAKE BASIN							
Lyman Lake	20A23A	5900		Late Re	port		82.0
Park Creek Ridge	20A12A	4600		Late Re	_		31.7
Rainy Pass	20 A 09	4780	4/29	65	27.6	29.4	47.5
ENTIAT RIVER							
Blue Creek G.S.	20B28a	5425	5/1	58	25.5	21.0	39.9
Brief	20B19	1600	4/26	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Entiat Meadows +	20A33a	4540	5/1	74	32.5	-	35.7
Entiat River Trail +	20A34a	3325		Not Mea	sured	0.0	3.0
Four Mile Ridge +	20B27a	6800	5/1	60	26.4	20.2	38.5
Fox Camp +	20A36a	6510	5/1	134	58.9	38.6	64.1
Pope Ridge	20B20	3540	5/1	18	7.6	5.7	9.8
Pugh Ridge +	20A32a	6725	5/1	61	26.8	23.5	30.8
Shady Pass	20A37	6200	5/1	52	23.0	16.7	31.6
Snow Brushy +	20A35a	3910	5/1	21	8.8	26.2	29.4
Tommy Creek +	20B21a	4900	5/1	16	7.0	9.2	21.7
WENATCHEE RIVER							
Berne-Mill Creek	21B23	2925	4/29	30	14.2	23.1	23.9
Berne-Mill Creek New SE	21B41	3240	4/29	20	9.9	15.4	19.8
Blewett Pass No. 2	20B02	4270	4/15	27	11.2	12.1	15.3
			4/25	8.8	4.6	9.4	10.8
Chiwaukum G.S.	20B16	1810	4/29	0	0.0	0.3	1.5
Fish Lake	21B04	3371	4/30	33	15.6	21.2	28.0
Lake Wenatchee	20B05	1970	4/29	0	0.0	3.7	2.7
Lyman Lake	20A23A	5900		Late Re	port		-

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WENATCHEE RIVER (C	Cont.)							
Merritt	20B18	2140	4/29	0	0.0	6.6	5.5	
Stevens Pass	21B01	4070	4/15	103	44.5	46.1	56.3	
			4/29	84	39.7	43.0	57.5	
Stevens Pass Sand Shed	21B45	3700	4/15	68	29.6	32.4	38.0	
			4/29	41	20.4	29.6	37.3	
SQUILCHUCK CREEK	,							
Beehive Springs	20B03	4400	4/28	0	0.0	1.3	2.2	
Scout-A-Vista	20B04	3400	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	0.3	
STEMILT CREEK								
Jump-Off	20B08	4450	4/29	0	0.0	3.0	3.3	
Stemilt Slide	20B06	5000	4/28	6	2.4	6.3	7.8	
Upper Wheeler	20B07	4400	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	1.3	
COLOCKUM CREEK								
Colockum Creek Upper	20B22	5300	4/29	0	0.0	5.4	10.8	
Colockum Creek Lower	20B23	4300	4/29	0	0.0	2.2	2.8	
Trough # 2	20B25SP	5310	4/29	16	7.5	7.5	New	
YAKIMA RIVER								
	01.011	27.00		•	2 2			
Ahtanum R.S.	21C11	3100	4/22	0	0.0	-	-	
Big Boulder Creek	21B09	3200	4/30	0	0.0	5.6	10.9	
Blewett Pass No. 2	20B02	4270	4/15	27	11.2	12.1	15.3	
	07.000	2450	4/25	8.8	4.6	9.4	10.8	
Bumping Lake	21C08	3450			18.0			
	01.006	2400	4/29	15	6.7 20.0	3.1		
Bumping Lake New	21C36	3400	4/11	48				
				22	10.5	6.8		
Cayuse Pass	21C06					_	98.1	
	21B13	6000	-	63				
Fish Lake	21B04	3371	•	33				
Joe Lake +	21B46a	4624	4/30	117		70.4	67.0	
Lake Cle Elum	21B14M	2200	4 /		asured	0.0	0.0	
Lemah Creek +	21B47a	3327			21.6		40.3	
	21C17		4/29					
Olallie Meadows	21B02	3625	•	76 5.4		-		
G1 1 D GD	01-16	2062		54				
Stampede Pass SP	21B10	3860		85				
			5/1	52	27.8	39.7	43.4	

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YAKIMA RIVER (Con	it.)						
Tunnel Avenue	21B08	2450	4/14 5/1	38 11	16.6	17.6	23.9
Van Epps Pass +	20B26a	5925	4/30	101	5.4	11.8	17.5
Waptus Lake +	21B49a	3024	4/30	45	48.5	43.7 27.6	56.1
White Pass (E. Side)	21C28	4500	4/30	71	21.6 25.6		38.9
white rass (E. Side)	21020	4500	4/10	49	21.6	22.5 22.3	26.9 27.6
LOWE ASOTIN CREEK	R COI	UMB	I A D	RAINA	A G E		
Spruce Springs	17C04	5700	4/28	30	14.7	26.7	24.8
MILL CREEK							
Tollgate	18D3M	5070	4/30	12	5.7	30.4	20.1
KLICKITAT RIVER				•			
Satus Pass	20D01	4030		Not Mea	sured	-	3.9
LEWIS RIVER							
Lone Pine Shelter	21C26	3800	4/10	93	36.5	_	45.6
			4/30	57	24.2	-	48.0
Marble Mountain	22C05	3200	4/10	Not Me	easured		38.9
			4/30	0	0.0	-	33.6
Plains of Abraham	22C01	4400	4/10	148	73.0	-	57.2
			4/30	72	41.0	-	77.4
Spencer Meadow	21C20	3400	4/10	30	12.5	-	27.1
				0	0.0	-	19.0
Surprise Lakes	21C13	4250	4/10	109	41.0	-	53.7
			4/30	46	22.5	-	53.4
Table Mountain	21C24	4200	4/10	108	43.0	-	50.7
			4/30	49	23.5	-	49.2
COWLITZ RIVER							
Cayuse Pass	21C06	5300	5/1	146	65.0	_	98.1
White Pass (E. Side)	21C28	4500	4/10	71	25.6	22.5	26.9
			4/28	49	21.5	22.3	27.6

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DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SN	OW COURSE	COURSE		Snow Depth	Water Content	Water Content (inches)		
NAME	Number	Elevation	of Survey	(Inches)	(Inches)	Last Year	Average †	
PUGI	ET SO	UND	DRA	INAGE	· ·			
WILLIAM DITTED					-			
WHITE RIVER								
Cayuse Pass	21C06	5300	5/1	146	65.0	-	98.1	
Corral Pass	21B13	6000	4/30	63	28.0	36.8	42.6	
Morse Lake	21C17	5400	4/29	108	48.5	58.9	61.9	
GREEN RIVER								
Cougar Mountain SP	21B42SP	3200	4/30	0	0.0	14.2	20.7	
Grass Mtn. No. 2	21B27	2900	4/30	4	2.1	-	-	
Lester Creek	21B29	3100	4/30	35	14.5	-	-	
Lynn Lake	21B50	4000	4/30	7.7	3.2	-	-	
Sawmill Ridge	21B31	4700	4/30	52	22.6	-	-	
Snowshoe Butte SP	21B43SP 21B10	5000	4/30	91 85	42.9 42.4	58.2	67.7	
Stampede Pass SP	21810	3860	4/14 5/1	52	27.8	46.4 39.7	42.9 43.4	
Twin Camp	21B30	4100	4/30	27	13.5	- -	43.4	
SNOQUALMIE RIVER				r				
Olallie Meadows	21B02	3625	4/15 4/28	76 54	35.2 26.6	44.0	55.1 53.4	
			4/20		20.0	44.0	23.4	
SKYKOMISH RIVER			•					
Stevens Pass	21B01	4070	4/15	103	44.5	46.1	56.3	
			4/29	84	39.7	43.0	57.5	
Stevens Pass Sand Shed	21B45	3700	4/15	68	29.6	32.4	38.0	
			4/29	41	20.4	29.6	37.3	
SKAGIT RIVER					•			
Beaver Creek Trail	21A04	2200	4/28	0	0.0	1.1	7.3	
Beaver Pass	21A01	3680	4/28	46	19.2	21.4	34.5	
Brown Top Ridge +	21A28a	6000	4/28	112	50.2	43.4	74.7	
Devils Park	20A04	5900	4/29	81	34.6	33.8	50.4	
Freezeout Creek Trail	20A01	3500	4/28	4.6	1.7	6.3	10.2	
Freezeout Meadows New	20A38	5000	4/28	48	19.2	37.2	40.3	
Granite Creek	21A29A	3500	4/29	9.2	2.9	9.6	18.2	
Harts Pass	20A05A	6500	4/29	84	36.2	33.1	51.5	
Klesilkwa	35B-Can	3700	4/30	0 Tato Bo	0.0	6.4 -	8.2*	
Lyman Lake Meadow Cabins	20A23A 20A08	5900 1900	4/29	Late Re	o.0	2.5	82.0 1.9	
ricadow Cabilis	ZUAUO	1900	4/43		0.0	2.5	1.0	

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SKAGIT RIVER (Co	nt.)						
New Hozomeen Lake	21A30	2800	4/28	0	0.0	4.2	10.5
New Tashme	26A-Can	2500	4/30	0	0.0	0.0	3.5*
Quartette Lakes	34-Can	4000	4/29	19	7.9	9.1	10.8*
Rainy Pass	20A09	4780	4/29	65	27.6	29.4	45.7
Thunder Basin	20A07	4200	4/29	27	10.0	19.6	26.2
BAKER RIVER							
Dock Butte	21A11A	3800	5/1	108	52.0	53.0	79.3
Easy Pàss	21A07A	5200	5/1	132	63.0	54.0	97.6
Jasper Pass	21A06A	5400	5/1	148	71.0	64.0	99.8
Marten Lake	21A09A	3600	5/1	110	53.0	62.0	87.0
Mount Blum +	21A18a	5800	4/30	119	57.0	50.0	76.1
Panorama New	21A26	4300	5/2	98	51.0	58.0	88.3
Rocky Creek	21A12A	2100	5/1	0	0.0	12.0	28.4
Schreibers Meadow	21A10A	3400	5/1	62	30.0	38.0	70.5
S. F. Thunder Creek	21A14A	2200	5/1	0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Watson Lakes	21A08A	4500	5/1	94	45.0	61.0	77.7
NOOKSACK RIVER				•			
Glacier Creek	21A23	3700	4/30	Trace	0.0	21.6	27.1
Panorama New	21A26	4300	5/2	98	51.0	58.0	88.3
<u>o</u>	LYMPI	C P I	ENIN	SULA			
DUNGENESS RIVER							
Deer Park	23B04	5200	4/28	33	14.3	21.9	24.2
MORSE CREEK							
Cox Valley	23B14	4500	4/26	63	27.9	35.5	45.3
ELWHA RIVER							
Hurricane	23B03	4500	4/25	28	10.1	16.1	28.2

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